

REMARKS

Claims 27 to 43 are pending in the application, of which claims 27 and 40 are independent.<sup>1</sup> Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Initially, we thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 27 to 43 are allowable. The specification, however, was objected to for allegedly failing to "provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter". Without conceding the propriety of the objection, we have amended claims 27 to 39 to include language in their preambles that more closely tracks the language found in the specification. For example, page 7 of the specification describes "computer instructions 48", which are stored on memory 38, and which are executable to generate a GUI "which allows a programmer to view results of the simulations and to debug computer code".<sup>2</sup> Although this text does not specifically recite a computer-readable medium, as is well known to one of skill in the art, a memory constitutes a computer-readable medium and therefore provides proper support for that feature of the claims. In this regard, the Examiner is respectfully reminded that the specification need not provide verbatim support for claim features.

The foregoing amendments and remarks are believed to address the objection to the specification. Accordingly, withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, we respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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<sup>1</sup> The Examiner is urged to independently confirm this recitation of the pending claims.

<sup>2</sup> Lines 4 to 14

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Respectfully submitted,

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